(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the relationship between labour and management is deteriorating day-by-day and the key labour issues and welfare measures are being continuously ignored by the management; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. It is not a fact that labour and management relationship are deteriorating day-by-day and key labour issues and welfare measures are ignored, though there have been a few incidents of violence in the recent past in the State sphere.

Rehabilitation of beedi workers

2258. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the beedi workers were unemployed due to the statutory restrictions and all are above 50 and ill health;

(b) if so, whether Government has any proposal to rehabilitate the beedi workers;

(c) whether there is any plan to introduce pension fund scheme for the benefit of the beedi workers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) any idea to provide funds to the State Governments for ongoing rehabilitation scheme for the beedi workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Information regarding unemployed due to the statutory restrictions and all are above 50 and ill health is not maintained. However, action has been initiated for rehabilitation of the beedi workers by providing them vocational training according to local needs for viable alternative sources of livelihood.

(c) to (e) There are already a number of welfare schemes, like housing, scholarships for children and for health care. Provision for funds has been made. However, there is no plan to introduce a pension fund scheme for the benefit of such workers.

Modernization of Employment Exchanges

2259. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's plan for modernization of Employment Exchanges;

(b) what is Public Private Participation (PPP) in delivering of employment services; and

(c) in what manner Government is planning to regulate and co-ordinate with Private Placement agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) National e-Governance Plan has identified modernization and upgradation of Employment Exchanges as one of the Mission Mode Projects (MMP). Implementation of this Project will help job-seekers to register on-line from anywhere and approach any Employment Exchange for employment assistance. Under the Project, a national web portal with common software is proposed to be developed. This will contain all the data regarding availability of skilled persons on the one hand and requirements of skilled persons by the industry on the other. It will help youth get placed and enable industry to procure required skills on real time basis. The project will be implemented all over the country.

(b) National Institute for Smart Government (NISG), the Principal Consultant has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) which *inter alia* covers the Public-Private-Partnership details. The proposed PPP aims to act as a service support to the existing Employment Exchanges for providing the following services, wherever required:

I. Registration Services

II. Employment Market Information (EMI)

III. Vocational Guidance and Counseling/Talent Assessment Services

IV. Placement Services.

(c) Since the Employment Exchanges in the country function under the administrative control of the State Government/UT Administrations, the regulation and co-ordination of the activities of the private placement agencies has to be decided by them as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Job losses due to recession in unorganised sector

2260. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done anything for the unorganized sector that has witnessed considerable job losses due to recession in the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken for the growth of jobs in the unorganized sector, category-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the State-wise results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) The Quarterly Survey Report on the Effect of Economic Slowdown on Employment in India (July-September, 2009) conducted in selected sectors *i.e.* textiles, metals, leather, automobiles, gem and jewellery, transport, IT/BPO, handloom/powerloom has indicated that overall employment has increased by about 5 lakh during the quarter as compared to decline in employment by 1.31 lakh during the previous quarter of April-June, 2009.